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Our royal Belle

Meet Amanda Elaine Hiles, the first Texas Rose Queen from TJC

Hannah Horton Editor-in-Chief

Apache Belles Dance Captain Amanda Hiles is the first Rose Queen in the Texas Rose Festival's 85-year history to attend Tyler Junior College.

The Texas Rose Festival is an annual event that was established in 1933 in honor of the Tyler rose industry. Each year, a college sophomore from Tyler is selected to serve as the Rose Queen. The Queen presides over Festival events with the other members of the Rose Court, which includes the Duchess of the Rose Growers, duchesses from other towns, ladies-in-waiting from Tyler, and attendants to the queen.

Hiles's family has been involved with the Rose Festival for generations. "My grandmother, Ann Hardin, [volunteered] for the Coronation and the Queen's Tea. My grandfather, James Hardin, has been a member of the Order of the Rose for decades. My mother, Stacey Hardin Hiles, was a Lady-in-Waiting in 1986, and my aunt, Kristie Arnette [née Hardin], was the Rose Queen in 1992," said

Hiles first learned she had been chosen as Queen last November with her Apache Belle teammates. "The 70th and 71st line of Apache Belles were asked to arrive at practice in full hair, makeup, and Apache Belles attire," explained Hiles. "[Apache Belles Director Jasilyn Schaefer] told the team we had a press conference about our spectacular Homecoming performance from the previous week. When [Texas Rose Festival President] Brad Curtis walked into the room, I knew it had to be related to Rose Festival ... When my family walked in after Mr. Curtis, I knew his visit had something to do with me. I never expected that he would ask me to be the Rose Festival Queen ... Being asked to be Queen was such a special moment, and sharing that with my team made it even more special."

Hiles is delighted to have the opportunity. "It is such an honor to be the first Queen from Tyler Junior College," stated Hiles. "Most girls that participate in the Rose Festival leave town to attend college ... Hopefully, having a Texas Rose Festival Queen attending TJC will remind everyone how lucky we are to have such a great school in our community."

The 85th Texas Rose Festival will take place from Oct. 18-21, 2018. This year's Festival theme is "Rock the Rose." Events include the Texas Rose Festival Coronation at 7 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the Cowan Center, the Texas Rose Festival Parade at 9 a.m. on Oct. 20, and the Queen's Tea at 1 p.m. on Oct. 20 in the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden. A full list of events is available at www.texasrosefestival.com.



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### Texas Rose Festival highlights:

#### Thursday, Oct. 18

Ribbon Cutting and Morning Prayer Service: 10 a.m. at the Rose Garden Center. Free admission.



#### Friday, Oct. 19

Rose Show Display: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Ros Garden Center. Free admission.

"How to Select the Best Rose for Your Garden": 11 a.m. at the Rose Garden Center. Free admission. Presented by Mark

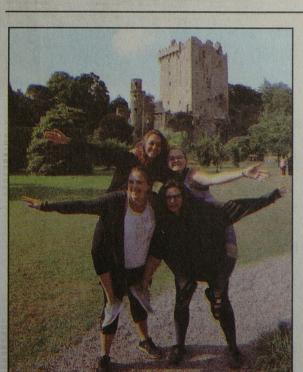
Evening Coronation: 7 p.m. at the Cowan Center. Tickets available at texasrosefestival.com.

#### Saturday, Oct. 20

Pre-Parade Activities: 9 a.m. at CHRISTUS Trin ity Mother Frances Rose Stadium.

Parade: 9 a.m. Starts at Glenwood Blvd. and Front St. Free admission on west side; reserved seating on east side. Tickets available at texasrosefestival.com.

Queen's Tea: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden. Free admission.



COURTESY : ABIGAIL KILLIAN

The Killian triplets. Clockwise from top left: Lauryn, Abigail, Meagan, and older sister Kaitlyn.

## AND COMMUNICATIONS

Triple the fun: Triplets attend TJC together

Sydni Cunningham
Digital Content Producer

The boom in enrollment this fall semester at TJC has brought in more students than ever before. The increase in student enrollment has also brought many families into TJC this semester. One special case is a set of triplet sisters attending classes.

Abigail Killian, Lauryn Killian and Meagan Killian are currently working on their associate's degrees at TJC. This is the sisters' first year at TJC, but they all took online dual-credit courses before they came on campus. While TJC is not new to having families on campus, this is the first time in a while that they have had a set of triplets enrolled in the school. It is not every day someone gets

to go to school with their siblings.

"We are still haven't separated from each other. We are still around each other all the time," said Photography/ Mass Communications major Abigail.

Moving from high school to college can present many challenges for most students, but the sisters say that things have not changed much for them.

"In high school, we had all of our classes together. I was like, 'I finally get to break away,' but I still have classes with them, and we ride to school every day," said Visual Communications major Lauryn.

However, going to school with your siblings has both its benefits and its disadvantages. "Carpooling is a big benefit," said Abigial, "but a big disadvantage is that sometimes we really annoy each other."

When the sisters are not in classes, they are usually hanging out in the Honors Lounge watching TV and

When asked their favorite classes

the sisters each had different answers.

Abigail said, "I really enjoy my photography class because I can enjoy what I want my career to be."

Lauryn said, "I love the open discussions that I get to have in my Art History class."

Psychology/Art Major Meagan said, "I like the professor that I have and the overall atmosphere of my Ceramics

The sisters said that they are really looking forward to the rest of their time at TJC. College can be hard, but having someone by your side can make a big difference in your college experience.

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## Staff's thoughts on schedule change

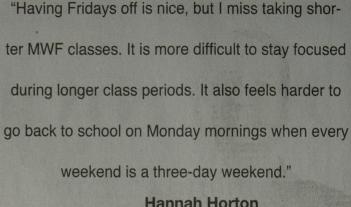
This semester, TJC began offering 75-minute-long Monday/ Wednesday classes instead of the traditional 50-minute-long Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes. Friday and Saturday classes are now offered, as well as Tuesday/ Thursday classes.

Overall, this change has received positive feedback from students because it allows them to build more flexible schedules.

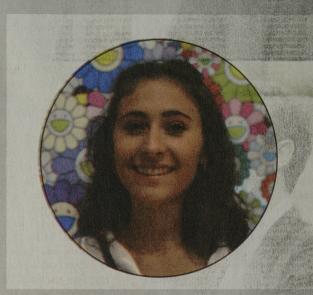


"I enjoy the new block schedule. This year there are Monday Wednesday classes, Tuesday Thursday and Friday or Saturday. I like this because I no longer have classes on Friday and I can make more of my weekend."

> Maya Gayler Managing Editor



**Hannah Horton** Editor-in-Chief



"I totally love the block schedule. When I am in class I can get a lecture and then go right into lab. I can work on on my assignment and ask my professor for any help, or I can ask a classmate. Plus, that means no

> classes on Friday." Cecilia Kohl Staff Writer

"I enjoy the new schedule either way. To me, classes are classes, and I go regardless of the day of the week. Although I like not having Friday classes, I have had them in the past and it wasn't that

bad."

**Nick Kenebrew** Sports Editor



"I enjoy the current schedule. However I was not here for the previous one. I feel like the longer classes can be beneficial and can allow the students to learn and complete their work all in one class."

> **Bella Mendiola** Student Life Editor





"I really enjoy online Friday only and Saturday only classes. They allow me to work and attend school at the same time. I don't have to run back and forth between school and work; instead I manage my time and get everything I need to done. These classes allow everyone to attend school at their convenience."

> **Adam Palacios** Staff Writer

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## Register to Vote

## Campus drive hopes to increase voter participation among college students



Senate candidates: Republican Ted Cruz, top, and Democrat Beto O'Rourke, bottom.

Adam Palacios Staff Writer

TJC has kicked off its voter registration drive. Because Texas is 44th in the nation for overall voter turnout it is going to take a lot of work to increase voter participation this year.

David
McClendon,
professor of
government,
explained the
importance of voting
and how to become
registered.

"Voting is the foundational principle of how it is we live in a representative democracy. Our foundational belief system in the United

States is that the people get to decide who their leaders are and what policies and laws we are going to adopt. The only way our leaders will know what the people want is by people voting for the candidate that shares those beliefs."

This upcoming election will cover a broad range of issues and offices.
"The State of Texas is electing all of its executive positions all at once. This

election will also cover state senators and state legislators," said McClendon. "Each candidate is running on different issues, so it is important to find out what those issues are through their websites".

The age group with the lowest voter turnout is 18-24 years old. There are countless reasons why people choose not to vote but McClendon explained

his theory on why youth in particular

is because they have not yet been

choose not to. "One of the main reasons

socialized into voting. People vote when

they feel they have a vested interest in

the outcome of what is going on. Young

people, generally speaking, have not had

the life experiences that older people

have had that make them realize the

impact of the government in their lives.

Young people are distracted by other things in life and have other priorities. Going to college, finding a job to pay for college, learning who they are as a person, picking a career, all of those issues to young people take precedent over voting".

Christian Marez, TJC Student Senate President, has a different view.

> "Many people believe their voice doesn't matter. People think if the change is not immediate then nothing is happening," said Marez.

In order to vote in the November election, you must be registered.
Registration ends
Oct 9. You can find pick-up a registration form in many places, including the TJC

Student Senate office, Tyler Public Library and post office. Forms must be mailed in and postmarked by Oct 9. For information about candidates in this upcoming election, you can visit one of these websites:

VoteTexas.org VoteUSA.org Aiga.org Lwv.org

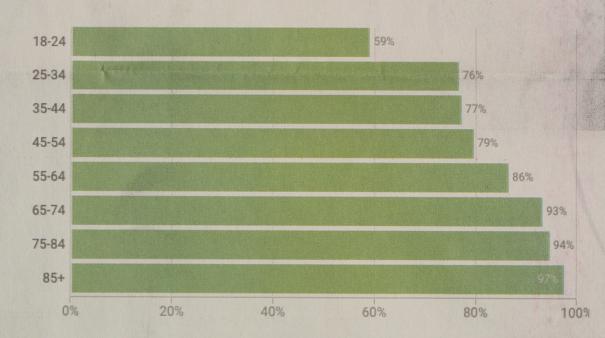


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Voter Registration Drive on

Students at the Student Senate's Voter Registration Drive on Oct. 2 enjoy refreshments after registering to vote.

#### Percent of Smith County residents who registered to vote in 2016



COURTESY: CHRISTOPHER GROSKOPF AND LEE HANCOCK/THE TYLER LOOP

Source: Smith County Elections Office and US Census

## Hands-on experience for West Campus HVAC students

### Anna Graves Online Editor

This past summer, TJC's West Campus installed a house simulator within their Skills Training Center.

The house simulator provides handson experience to students in the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) programs. The house functions exactly like a real house in order for the students to see the results of their work.

Professor,
Head of HVAC
Department and
Chair of Energy
Trades, Bill Stiles,
said, "It's actually 30
feet by 30 feet, and
it's two story. It's a
real house."

Early in the year, the HVAC Center requested funding

for the house simulator. They received the contract to have the house built by Campbell Building Co. over the summer.

Sophomore Curtis Durham said, "so far we're just in the development stage of getting the materials and the air conditioners stuff to the building. We've looked around, measure it and did a manual J on the building."

A manual J is what HVAC

contractors use to calculate the loads of a home or building and determine the amount or type of equipment needed. This tedious process allows students a deeper understanding of the way ventilation and refrigeration systems work. Mold can grow if these types of pre-assessments are not done correctly.

The current students plan on installing the ventilation and air condition system of the house to 100

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experience."

percent throughout the rest of the year. Before new students are enrolled, the house will be reset for another round of ventilation work. This process will continue for all students in the hands-on HVAC programs.

"This is going to be a great benefit to us because then we get the hands-on with the technical experience," said Tim Bolton, a student in the HVAC

Stiles said that he is excited to have this opportunity now available for all the the students.

The simulator will advance the experience and knowledge for all students at West Campus.



PHOTO BY ANNA GRAVES

The new house simulator on West Campus allows HVAC students to practice their



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The entrance to the Skills Training Center on TJC's West Campus.

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## Homecoming celebration for the Apaches

Nick Kenebrew Sports Editor

The Apaches celebrated Homecoming against The New Mexico Military InstitutBroncos.

They had won three straight prior to this game, including two against nationally ranked teams, at Trinity Valley and Navarro in Tyler.

The Apache defense made an impact right out the gates with some good stops. On the first possession for the Broncos, the defense held them from converting on 4th down.

This set up quarterback August

Debiase to hit up Demias Jimerson for a 26-yard touchdown. Coming in ranked No.2 in the nation in interceptions, The Apaches had two takeaways, one being a interception by Marquise Conchola.

The offense also had a good night. With two touchdowns from Jimerson and a 92 yard touchdown by K'vonte Jackson. During second half, The Apaches were ground and pound.

Apaches won 38 to 14. Winners of four straight, Apaches are now 4-2.

They have a big week coming up, but afterward will travel to Miami, Oklahoma, to meet the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M on Oct 13.



COURTESY: TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE

The football team cools off during a timeout.

# Apache football team has chance for playoffs



COURTESY: BELLA MENDIOLA

#### Sharae Corbin News Editor

After the Homecoming win, TJC's Apache football team is now leading the Southwest Conference with a 4-1 record.

If the football team keeps up its winning streak, we have a fighting chance for playoffs, and possibly the National Championship game.

According to sophomore defensive lineman Fallah Popeh, there is a chance to go all the way.

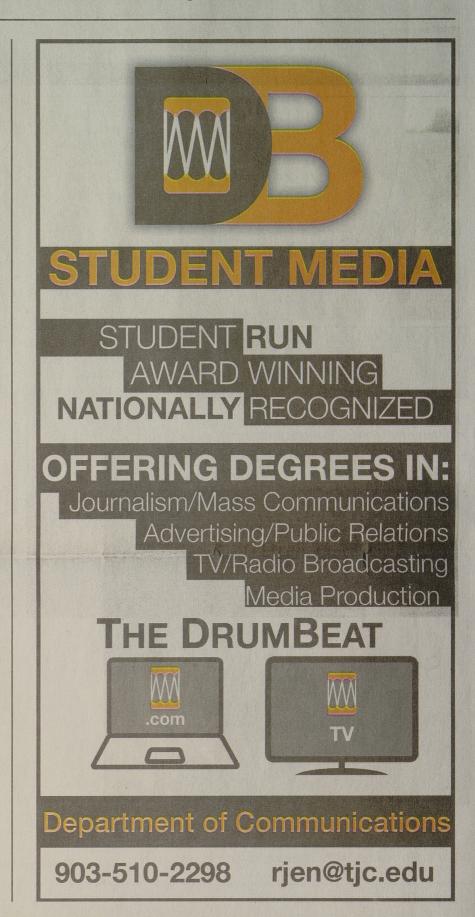
"I think the team does have a playoff chance

because even [though] we started out the season rough, we've ended it off with four wins and one loss to Kilgore," Popeh said.

So far, Tyler is the only team in the conference with four wins, and to proceed to playoffs they must win against Kilgore College.

As of now, we do not officially know if the team will advance, but the decision is made by the NJCAA "based off of our rankings throughout the season and other teams' rankings [in different] conferences," Popeh said.

Obviously, the Apaches have had an outstanding season so far, but no matter what the outcome, we will always have their backs.



Oct 3.

Volleyball @ Navarro 7 p.m. Oct 5.

W. Tennis @

Baseball @ HCC Noon Oct 6.
Volleyball @
Lee College
Noon

Softball @ SFA Noon . Oct 6.
Baseball @
Panola College
3 p.m.

M. Soccer vs. Laredo CC 5 p.m.

Oct 8.
W. Soccer @
Jacksonville
College

Oct 10.

Baseball VS.

Texas College

1 p.m.

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1 p.m.
Volleyball vs.
Panola College
7 p.m.

Oct. 11
M. Tennis
@TBA

W. Tennis @TBA Oct. 12 Softball @ TBA

Baseball @ Louisianna State University Eunice 2 p.m.









## Students and professors travel to South America each year to participate in a life-changing experience

#### **Nick Kenebrew** Sports Editor

Tyler Junior College is offering a 10-day service project in Costa Rica. The project started in 2009, when Dr. Mike Metke, Chancellor for the college district of TJC, and John Hays, Spanish Professor Department Chair of Foreign Language, wanted to do something scholastically with students.

The trip is held every spring and all students are welcome to come.

The 10 days are split between four days for targeting community service and six days for viewing Costa Rica.

The goals of this project are to engage with and explore the many natural environments in Costa Rica. "The community service allows you to have a one-on-one relationship with

somebody in Costa Rica, and that in and of itself is very valuable," Hays said.

Also, students have a chance to get one of 10 \$1,000 scholarships, "As long as you show your GPA, reference from a teacher and write a one-page composition of what you're doing scholastically," Hays said.

Four years ago, Hays made contact with the University of Costa Rica with visiting members of the board that with the travel group that year. They identified two students from the University to win scholarships to come to the United States and study.

One of the students, Yanitza Castillo, now works as an academic advisor here at TJC.

The group will collaborate with the University again this year, "With a one-day

community service either working in a school health or an agricultural project," Hays said.

The trip is expected to cost \$2,300. "We don't have a specific price. The airlines are not going to come online until Dec. 1, 2018," Hays

The trip is scheduled for May 13-22 of

Hays wants to encourage any and all students to get exposure to what is out in the

"I've never known anyone to go abroad and not come back changed. It's a life experience,"

Hays said. More information will be presented in

a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Jenkins 112.



#### **Taylor Tallant** Staff Writer

On Oct. 19, TJC will commemorate those who have fought and are still fighting breast cancer with a pep rally.

This event will entail pink popsicles, balloons and tutus, making the Pink Out Pep Rally one to remember.

Sophomore cheerleader Amya Holman said that it will spirit. It is about awareness of

The pep rally will "recognize faculty who have been affected by cancer and celebrate those who [have] survived" said Lauren Tyler, Director of Student Life.

Linda Reeves, Staff Technician of TRIO Student

Support Services, will be making an appearance at this year's Pep Rally.

Reeves has defeated the tough battle of cancer twice. She commentated on her victories by saying, "... the biggest thing when you're going through something like that is to have a strong support system." For Reeves it was her, "... healthcare workers, family and friends through her church."

This event will honor the survivors like Reeves, as well as those who have passed, with a special balloon release. Along with that, "survivors will turn the pond pink" to celebrate their victory, said Tyler.

Taking place at noon by the Duck Pond, this is an event you won't want to miss.



Dr. Tampa Nannen, Dean of students



COURTESY: TJC EMPLOYEE

#### Cecilia Kohl Staff Writer

Q: What is your role here at TJC?

A: "I am the Dean of Students for Tyler Junior College."

Q: Where are you located at on campus?

A: "In the iconic academic building, Jenkins Hall, room J-106."

Q: How did you find yourself here at TJC?

A: "Texas has two university flagships, UT and Texas A & M, Those are the motherships. Now, I personally personally viewed TJC as the flagship community college. So when I had opportunity to interview here on campus, I looked at that as an open door and I walked through it."

Q: When did you decided to become a doctor in higher education?

A: "I was teaching part time at Lon Morris College, which is closed down now, in Jacksonville. I was teaching developmental mathematics. I had a dream one night that the president of Lon Morris College, who was a very dear gentleman, came to me and said: 'Tam, I am sorry but we are not going to have a job for you next year because we are not going to offer developmental mathematics.' I woke up in a cold sweat. I was in a state of shock and disappointment. I realized that it was a dream, but it helped me realize my passion in life. My passion was for teaching in higher education. That started my long and beautiful journey in becoming a doctor in higher education."

Q: What is weird about Jacksonville?

A: "Jacksonville is know to be the tomato capital of the world. Our tomatoes can beat others on taste, on size, and any other way you can

Q: What is your favorite thing to eat at the cafeteria?

A: "I like it when they do their stirfry dishes. Hands-down one of my favorites there.'

## The COLU read

Theatre TJC prepares for Terra Nova

#### Maya Gayler Managing Editor

The Theatre Department is putting on a play about the expedition to Antarctica from 1910 to 1913, called Terra Nova. The story is told from the point of view of the British explorers. The main character, Captain Scott, played by J.W. McFarland, led the British to Antarctic. He leads his team of men to discover the mysteries of the Antarctic tundra. Rebecca Faulds-Howard, the director, has been wanting the Theatre Department to do this show for a while. "I felt like we finally have the potential of having the people to do it this year," said Faulds-Howard.

Faulds-Howard had the actors walk around the entire space of the stage while going through the

show to get them out of their head space. "That was an exercise to get them to start thinking about their bodies, to get the emotion and psychological connection," said Faulds-Howard. She also simulated the harsh Antarctic cold by turning the A/C all the way down, placed large fans on the stage and had the actors put ice packs in their clothing. "The ice packs help them feel the cold and we're going to use them in

The ice packs help them feel the cold, and we're going to use them in the play itself.

the play itself. They're going to be under heavy clothes

so this will help them not overheat," said Faulds-Howard. During the live productions the actors will be dressed in heavy winter clothing with ice packs underneath.

The theatre majors dedicate large amounts of time in hopes of an unforgettable show. "It's been quite the challenge because Captain Scott has been in the Navy for 30 years. He is a very hard man his posture is very straight. It's been a challenge trying to get the body right," said McFarland. Working through the exercises helps the actors understand the

The performances will take place on Oct. 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jean Brown Theatre. Tickets will be free for TIC students at the box office before the show.

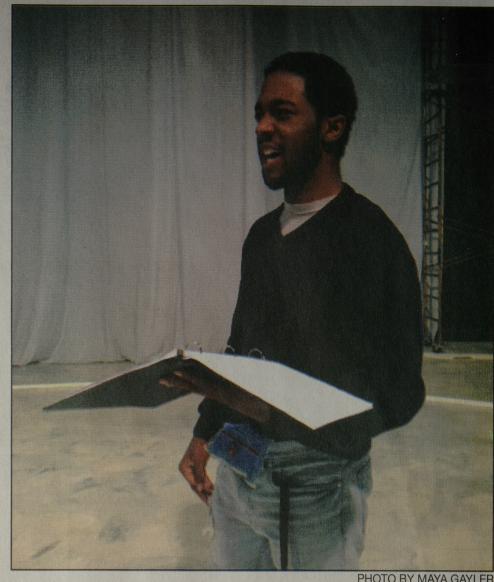


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Actor Bryson Chalk rehearses for Terra Nova on Friday, Sept. 28 in the Jean **Brown Theater.** 

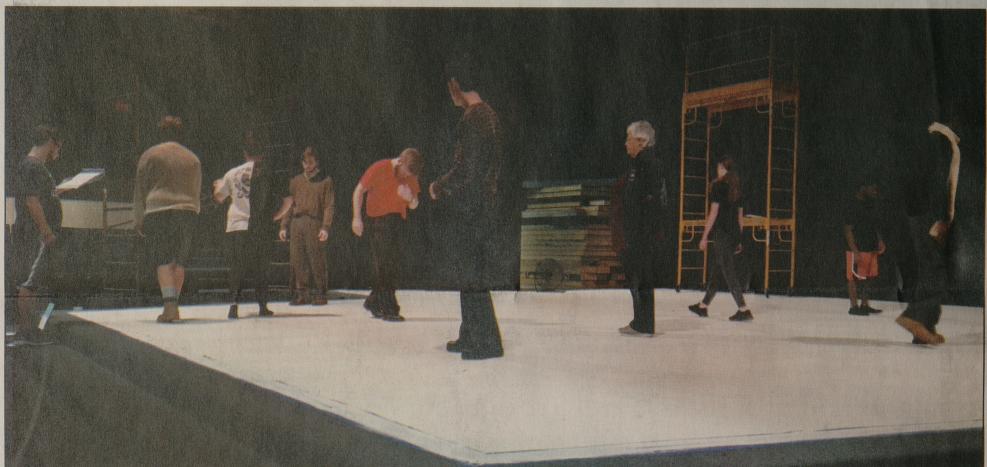


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Actors performing an exercise in preparation for Terra Nova.



Band member performs on the field during half time

COURTESY: CODY BRENNER

## Apache Band set to perform Halloween Kids' Concert

Cecilia Kohl Staff Writer

The Apache Band does more than perform at games. They prepare for concerts that are held throughout the semester, including the upcoming Kids' Halloween Concert.

Walking into the band department at the Wagstaff Gym, it is obvious that there is a lot passion for music. Professors are pushing students to better themselves and grow their skills.

With music echoing in every part of the area, Apache Band Director Jeremy Strickland stated "we are here to expose the students and audience to a great performance." With the up and coming Kids' Halloween concert, Strickland recommended "We encourage all college students to come, support, and dress up, but most of all enjoy musical pieces from Ghost Busters all the way to Star Wars. Not to give away all secrets, but there will also be music from Pixar and Jurassic Park as well!"

Before they can get to the point of playing in front of others, in mid-summer, students

receive music to prepare for the audition that happens right before school starts. At the audition, only the top 45 students receive a spot, and

from then on out it is go time. Student Marli Dority said that the life of a typical band member involves "waking up in the middle of the night because you have band at 7:45 am. Then having a rehearsal in the beginning of the day and practicing throughout, plus another rehearsal at the end of the day."

Band member Peter Merts adds that for him it is, "waking up for band but mostly hauling around everything, starting with b flat

trumpet, flugelhorn, cornet, piccolo trumpet, all my music and a mute bag.'

The students who are selected to partake in this opportunity know what is in store for them.

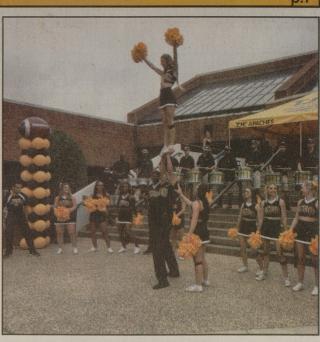
Strickland stated, "We do our best at running our program as if we were a four-year program and have students practice as such."

The wind ensemble will continue preparing for the Halloween Kids' Concert with the attitude of a four-year program.

The concert will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 30th at 7 p.m. in Wise Auditorium. It is free for everyone, and there will be plenty of candy.





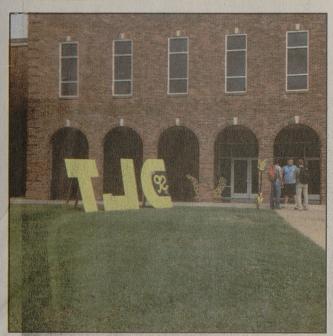




# HOMECOMING

This year's Homecoming week lasted from Sept. 24 - 29. The week's festivities included the annual drum beat, parade, and football game. Campus organizations competed for the Warrior Spirit Award by participating in events such as the office decorating competition and the sidewalk drawing competition.

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